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Société de Géographie, Paris; Royal Society, "Nature," Benjamin Ward Richardson, M. D., London; Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada, Montreal; Rev. Edward E. Hale, Boston; Harvard University, Edward C. Pickering, Cambridge; Prof. James D. Dana, New. Haven; Astor Library, New York; College of Pharmacy, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Messrs. A. E. Foote, Philip H. Law, Henry Phillips, Jr., Philadelphia; War Department, Department of State, U. S. National Museum, Hydrographic Office, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington; Cincinnati Society of Natural History; State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison; Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul.

This being the Stated Meeting for the balloting for candidates for membership, an election was held and the following declared duly elected members of the Society:

No. 2134. John S. Billings, M.D., LL.D., Washington, D. C.

No. 2135. Henry F. Osborn, Professor of Geology, Princeton, New Jersey.

Pending nominations Nos. 1154, 1155 and 1156 and new nominations Nos. 1157 and 1158 were read.

Dr. Harrison Allen made a verbal communication on "Muscular Anomalies in the Subject of an Idiot."

The Minutes of the Board of Officers and Council were submitted.

The Board recommended that the Society should abandon the quarterly issue of its Proceedings and return to the original half-yearly publication.

The Board recommended that the principal of the Michaux legacy should be invested in American securities.

And on motion the meeting was adjourned.

Stated Meeting, March 4, 1887.

Present, 26 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Prof. John F. Ryder, a newly-elected member, was presented to the Chair and took his seat.

Letters were read, accepting membership, as follows: Dr. John S. Billings, Washington, D. C.; Prof. Henry F. Osborn, Princeton, N. J.; Sir Monier Monier-Williams, London; Remi Simeon, Paris; Prof. Paul Topinard, Paris.

Accessions to the Library were announced from Gesellschaft für Erdkunde, R. Friedlander & Sohn, Berlin; Gartenbauverein, Darmstadt; Verein für Erdkunde, Halle a/s.; Deutsche Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, Ethnologie und Urgeschichte, München; Académie R. de Copenhague; Société R. des Sciences de Liege; Musée R. d'Histoire Naturelle de Belgique, Bruxelles; R. Accademia dei Lincei, Rome; Sociétés de L'Enseignement et de Geographie, Ecole des Mines, Paris; R. Academia de la Historia, Madrid; Royal Society, R. Astronomical and Geographical Societies, Meteorological Council, London; Philological Society, Cambridge, England; American Antiquarian Society, Worcester; American Journal of Science, New Haven; Brooklyn Entomological Society; Warner Observatory, Rochester; Mr. Thomas H. Dudley, Camden; Numismatic and Antiquarian Society, Dr. William F. Norris, Dr. F. A. Genth, and Henry Phillips, Jr., Philadelphia; Department of State, U. S. Geological Survey, U. S. National Museum, U. S. Fish Commission, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.; University of California, Sacramento.

The President presented a communication for the Magellanic Premium, "On the correct determination of the Moon's mass," signed "*Baboika*," which was read and referred to Council.

Pending nominations Nos. 1154, 1155, 1156, 1157 and 1158 were read. The recommendations of Council, submitted at the last meeting, were taken up and considered.

On motion it was resolved to discontinue the quarterly publication of the Proceedings of the Society and to return to the former method of semi-annual issue.

On motion it was resolved to sell the principal of the Michaux legacy, now invested in French *Rentes*, and to cause the proceeds of such sale to be remitted to this country, and

that the Finance Committee and the Treasurer be directed to take all the steps necessary to sell the same whenever such sale shall be deemed expedient and advisable by them; and further that they shall invest the same in good American securities and that the Officers of the Society be empowered to execute all necessary documents and to comply with all requisite formalities.

And the meeting was adjourned by the President.

Stated Meeting, March 18, 1887.

Present, 14 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

A letter was read from Columbia College, New York city, New York, inviting the Society to be present by delegate at its approaching Centennial anniversary, April 13, 1887, and the President was empowered to appoint a suitable person to represent the Society.

Letters of envoy were received from the K. P. Meteorologisches Institut, Berlin; Physikalisch-Medizinische Societät, Erlangen; Meteorological Office, Statistical Society, London; Bureau of the Mint, Washington.

Accessions to the Library were reported from the Royal Society of New South Wales, Sydney; K. Akademie der Wissenschaften, Verein zur Beförderung des Gartenbaues in den K. Preussischen Staaten, Physikalische Gesellschaft, K. P. Meteorologisches Institut, Berlin; Physikalisch-Medizinische Societät, Erlangen; K. Nordiske Oldskrift, Selskab, Copenhagen; Institut Royal Grand-Ducal de Luxembourg; Academie Royale de Belgique, Bruxelles; R. Accademia dei Lincei, Rome; Biblioteca N. C. di Firenze; Société de Geographie, Paris; R. Geographical Society, Statistical Society, Meteorological Council, "Nature," London; Philosophical Society of Glasgow; Manitoba Historical and Scientific Society, Winnipeg Board of Trade, Mr. Charles N. Bell, Winnipeg; Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, Cambridge; Meriden Scientific Association; Wesleyan